74. മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. സഖ്യാസ്സ്യൻ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യത്തിന്മേ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെന്റ് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

പട്ടണങ്ങളിൽ പണിയെടുക്കുന്ന ഫാക്ടറി തൊഴിലാളികൾക്കു പാർപ്പിടം നൽകുന്നതിനുള്ള യോജനനിർമ്മാണപദ്ധതികൾ വല്ലതും ഗവൺമെന്റിന്റെ ആലോചനയിൽ ഉണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ:

തൊഴിലാളികൾക്കു മാത്രമായിട്ടുള്ള പദ്ധതികൾ എടുത്തിട്ടില്ല.

SUPPLY OF PROTECTED WATER TO THE COASTAL AREAS

75. **Mrs. T. Francis** *(Ernakulam-Women):* Will Government be pleased to state whether they have come to any definite decision about the supply of protected water to the coastal areas of the State, such as Vypeen, Panambukad, Vallarpadam, Mulavukad and adjacent coastal villages?

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Public Works):* Government have already started on the works of supplying good drinking water to the littoral areas extending from Mattancheri town south to Chellanam. Government are also taking action to supply water to areas from Vypeen to Elankunnapuzha and to the islands of Panambukad and Mulavukad by transporting water to those places by means of landing crafts. Details for a more permanent supply to these places by laying a pipe line are being worked out.

APPOINTMENTS UNDER THE SALES TAX ACT

76. **Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon** *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state when the new appointments under the Sales Tax Act were made?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue):* The Government Proceedings ordering the reorganisation of the Income-tax Department were issued on 4th September 1946 (19th Chingam 1122). The notification making the appointments was issued on 8th September 1946 (23rd Chingam 1122. The notification fixing the jurisdiction of the officers was issued on 27th September 1946 (11th Kanni 1122).

CONDITIONS OF KERALA VARMA CANAL

77. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എ. രാഘവൻ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെന്റ് ദയവായി സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) തൊടുപുഴ യൂണിയൻ ഹൈസ്കൂളിന്റെ തെക്കുവശമുള്ള കേരളവർമ്മ കനാലിന്റെ പാലം ഭയനിയസ്ഥിതിയിലാണ് ഇരിക്കുന്നതു് എന്നതിനെപ്പറ്റി വല്ല പരാതിയും ഗവൺമെന്റിലേക്ക് കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിനെപ്പറ്റി തല്ക്കാലം എന്തു നടപടി എടുക്കുകയുണ്ടായി?

റവന്യൂമന്ത്രി കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ:

(എ) ഉണ്ട്.

(ബി) പാലത്തിലൂടെ ഗതാഗതം തടയുകയും പൊതുജനങ്ങളുടെയും വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെയും സൌകര്യത്തിനായി ഒരു കടത്ത് ഏർപ്പെടുത്തുകയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

REPRESENTATION OF HARIJANS IN THE FRANCHISE AND CONSTITUTIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

78. **Mrs. Dakshayani Velayudhan** *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—why it has not taken anybody from the Harijan Community in the (1) Franchise Committee and (2) the Constitutional Advisory Committee?

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

(1) While it is not possible to give representation to all communities and interests, Government had no reason to think that the interest of the Harijan Community was likely to suffer by their mere non-representation in the Committee.

(2) The Constitutional Advisory Committee has to be small so that it may proceed with the work quickly. It has not been therefore possible to give separate representation to all communities, special interests, etc., in the Committee.

COTTAGE INDUSTRIES—SURVEY OF

79. **Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon** *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state —

if any scientific survey of Cottage Industries has been conducted in the State?

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Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue):*
No.

FACTORIES ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL

80. **Mr. P. K. Dewer** *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) when the Factory Act (Amendment) Bill regarding the restricting of working hours to 48 a week was finally passed by the Council;
(*b*) when it received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja;
(*c*) the date on which the Act came into force?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):*
(*a*) On 13th August 1946/28th Karkadagam 1121.
(*b*) On 17th October 1946/31st Kanni 1122.
(*c*) The Act has not yet been brought into force.

HOUSE RENT CONTROL ORDER

81. **Mr. Parambi Lonappen** *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) are the Government aware that a large percentage of house-owners in Ernakulam are middle-class people who depend on the rent of their building for their existence;
(*b*) will the Government be pleased to state if they have received any representation from these house-owners about the hardship they are put to by the provision of the Rent Control Order; and
(*c*) if so, what action was taken by the Government to give them adequate relief?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue):*
(*a*) Government do not accept the assertions contained in the question as correct.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) They were considered and it was found that no action was called for.

82. **Mrs. T. Francis** *(Ernakulam-Women):* Will Government be pleased to state whether.—
(*a*) they are aware that a very large percentage of House-owners in Ernakulam are Middle-class people who depend on the rent of their houses for their existence;
(*b*) will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any representation from these house-owners about the hardship they are undergoing on account of the inequitable provisions of the Rent Control Order and if so, what action was taken by the Government to give them relief?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue):*
(*a*) and (*b*) Please see answer to Question No. 81.

83. **Mrs. T. Francis** *(Ernakulam-Women):* It is seen from the Proclamation IV of 1122 that a percentage of increase of 8·1/3, 25 and 50 respectively are allowed in fixing fair rent for houses having rental values of Rs. 25 and below, between 25 and 100 and over Rs. 100 respectively. Will the Government be pleased to describe the policy underlying this discrimination?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue):* The discrimination is intended to relieve the poorer classes whose paying capacity is relatively less and who form the majority of people, from paying a high rental and not to interfere very much with the right of the landlords to receive a high rental from those whose paying capacity is relatively higher.

84. **Mr. Parambi Lonappen** *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) the percentage of increase allowed, in fixing Fair Rent over the Rental Values of Rs. 25 and below between Rs. 25 and Rs. 100 and above Rs. 100;
(*b*) if there is any disparity, will Government be pleased to state the policy underlying this discrimination?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue):*
(*a*) The attention of the Honourable Member is invited to Section 4 of the Cochin Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Proclamation, IV of 1122.
(*b*) Please see answer to Question No. 83.

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